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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 7-123744 (CANON INC), published May 12, 1995;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 6-232469 (MURATA MFG CO LTD), published August 19, 1994;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 1-122375 (HITACHI LTD), published May 15, 1989;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-290588 (MINOLTA CO LTD), published October 27, 1998;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-9650 (NIPPONDENSO CO LTD), published January 10, 1997;
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-37572 (CANON INC), published February 7, 1997;
- (7) Atsuta, U.S. Patent No. 6,177,753 B1, issued January 23, 2001;
- (8) Mori et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,997,177, issued March 5, 1991; and
- (9) Ueyama, U.S. Patent No. 6,140,750, issued October 31, 2000.

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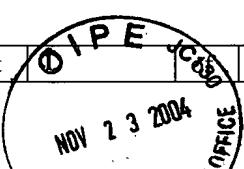
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